



Top Line Results

Just Facts 2018 U.S. Nationwide Survey

Conducted: 10/02/2018 through 10/13/2018

Survey Type: Live Interview Telephone

N = 1,000N

Margin of Error at 95% Confidence Level: +/- 3.1%

Weighting Applied: Gender & Age to reflect likely voter U.S. population

Q1. Which of the following best describes how you participate in elections:

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---|-------|---------|--------------------|
| I vote every time there is an opportunity | 707 | 70.7 | 70.7 |
| I try to vote in most elections, but I sometimes miss one | 293 | 29.3 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q2. Relative to other nations, how do you believe U.S. fourth graders rank in terms of their reading and math ability?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--|-------|---------|--------------------|
| U.S. fourth graders rank in the bottom 50% | 445 | 44.5 | 44.5 |
| U.S. fourth graders rank in the top 50% | 440 | 44.0 | 88.5 |
| Unsure | 114 | 11.4 | 99.9 |
| Refused | 1 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q3. On average across the United States, how much do you think public schools spend per year to educate each classroom of students?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Less than \$150,000 per classroom per year | 570 | 57.0 | 57.0 |
| More than \$150,000 per classroom per year | 330 | 33.0 | 90.0 |
| Unsure | 99 | 9.9 | 99.9 |
| Refused | 1 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q4. In your mind, what portion of 17- to 24-year-olds in the U.S. are unqualified for military service because of weak educational skills, poor physical fitness, illegal drug usage, medical conditions, or criminal records?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---|-------|---------|--------------------|
| More than half are unqualified for military service | 427 | 42.7 | 42.7 |
| More than half are qualified for military service | 521 | 52.1 | 94.8 |
| Unsure | 49 | 4.9 | 99.7 |
| Refused | 3 | .3 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q5. When conventional public schools are subject to school choice programs that allow students to leave for private or charter schools, do you think the children who remain in the public schools academically decline?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------------------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Yes, they decline | 468 | 46.8 | 46.8 |
| No, they do not decline | 435 | 43.5 | 90.3 |
| Unsure | 96 | 9.6 | 99.9 |
| Refused | 1 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q6. The average U.S. household spends about \$29,000 per year on food, housing, and clothing combined. If we broke down all combined federal, state, and local taxes to a per household cost, do you think this would amount to more or less than an average of \$29,000 per household per year?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Taxes are more than \$29,000 per household per year | 463 | 46.3 | 46.3 |
| Taxes are less than \$29,000 per household per year | 417 | 41.7 | 88.0 |
| Unsure | 116 | 11.5 | 99.6 |
| Refused | 4 | .4 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q7. On average, who would you say pays a greater portion of their income in federal taxes: The middle class or the upper 1% of income earners?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Middle class | 754 | 75.4 | 75.4 |
| Upper 1% | 220 | 22.0 | 97.4 |
| Unsure | 23 | 2.3 | 99.8 |
| Refused | 2 | .2 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q8. Now, changing the subject from taxes to spending, suppose we broke down all government spending to a per household cost – do you think the combined spending of federal, state and local governments amounts to more or less than \$40,000 per household per year?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Government spending is more than \$40,000 per household per year | 438 | 43.8 | 43.8 |
| Government spending is less than \$40,000 per household per year | 456 | 45.6 | 89.4 |
| Unsure | 105 | 10.5 | 99.9 |
| Refused | 1 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q9. Do you think the federal government spends more money on social programs, such as Medicare, education, and food stamps ... or does the federal government spend more money on national defense, such as the Army, Navy, and missile defense?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| More on social programs | 344 | 34.4 | 34.4 |
| More on national defense | 611 | 61.1 | 95.4 |
| Unsure | 45 | 4.5 | 99.9 |
| Refused | 1 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q9A. What about federal government debt? The average U.S. household owes about \$122,000 in consumer debt, such as mortgages and credit cards. Thinking about all federal government debt broken down to a per household basis, do you think the average federal debt per U.S. household amounts to more or less than the average consumer debt per U.S. household?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Federal debt is more than \$122,000 per household | 737 | 73.7 | 73.7 |
| Federal debt is less than \$122,000 per household | 179 | 17.9 | 91.6 |
| Unsure | 82 | 8.2 | 99.8 |
| Refused | 2 | .2 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q10. From the time that the Great Recession ended in 2009, which do you think has grown at a faster rate, the U.S. economy or the national debt?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| The U.S. economy has grown faster | 177 | 17.7 | 17.7 |
| The national debt has grown faster | 801 | 80.1 | 97.7 |
| Unsure | 19 | 1.9 | 99.6 |
| Refused | 4 | .4 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q11. Would you say the earth has become measurably warmer since the 1980s?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Yes | 672 | 67.2 | 67.2 |
| No | 293 | 29.3 | 96.5 |
| Unsure | 35 | 3.5 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q12. Again, thinking about the whole planet, do you think the number and intensity of hurricanes and tropical storms have generally increased since the 1980s?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Yes | 658 | 65.8 | 65.8 |
| No | 297 | 29.7 | 95.5 |
| Unsure | 45 | 4.5 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q13. Now, just thinking about the United States, in your opinion, is the air generally more polluted than it was in the 1980s?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Yes | 407 | 40.7 | 40.7 |
| No | 544 | 54.4 | 95.1 |
| Unsure | 49 | 4.9 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q14. If the U.S. stopped recycling and buried all of its municipal trash for the next 100 years in a single landfill that was 30 feet high, how much of the nation's land area would you think this landfill would cover?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Less than 1% | 86 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| 1% to less than 5% | 209 | 20.9 | 29.5 |
| More than 5% | 623 | 62.3 | 91.8 |
| Unsure | 76 | 7.6 | 99.4 |
| Refused | 6 | .6 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q15. Without government subsidies, which of these technologies do you think is least expensive method for generating electricity?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Wind turbines | 238 | 23.8 | 23.8 |
| Solar panels | 342 | 34.2 | 57.9 |
| Natural gas power plants | 369 | 36.9 | 94.9 |
| Unsure | 51 | 5.1 | 99.9 |
| Refused | 1 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q16. Without government subsidies, which of these fuels do you believe is least expensive for powering automobiles?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-----------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Gasoline | 476 | 47.6 | 47.6 |
| Ethanol | 171 | 17.1 | 64.7 |
| Biodiesel | 234 | 23.4 | 88.1 |
| Unsure | 119 | 11.9 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q17. Worldwide, which of these technologies do you think generates the most electricity?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Solar panels | 94 | 9.4 | 9.4 |
| Natural gas power plants as power plants | 139 | 13.9 | 23.3 |
| Coal power plants | 338 | 33.8 | 57.1 |
| Nuclear power plants | 346 | 34.6 | 91.7 |
| Unsure | 82 | 8.2 | 99.9 |
| Refused | 1 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q18. On an average day, what portion of U.S. households with children do you believe will have at least one child who experiences hunger?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Less than 1% | 138 | 13.8 | 13.8 |
| 1% to 10% | 373 | 37.3 | 51.2 |
| More than 10% | 463 | 46.3 | 97.5 |
| Unsure | 25 | 2.5 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q19. Do you think Social Security’s financial problems stem from politicians looting the program and spending the money on other programs?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Yes | 801 | 80.1 | 80.1 |
| No | 158 | 15.8 | 95.8 |
| Unsure | 42 | 4.2 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q20. Some policymakers are proposing that individuals be allowed to save and invest some of their Social Security taxes in personal accounts instead of paying these taxes to the Social Security program. In your view, do you think such proposals generally improve or harm the finances of the Social Security program?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Improve | 237 | 23.7 | 23.7 |
| Harm | 673 | 67.3 | 91.0 |
| Unsure | 88 | 8.8 | 99.8 |
| Refused | 2 | .2 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q21. In 1960, governments paid for 24% of all healthcare costs in the U.S. Do you think governments now pay a greater portion or a lesser portion of all healthcare costs in the U.S.?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Greater | 546 | 54.6 | 54.6 |
| Lesser | 397 | 39.7 | 94.3 |
| Unsure | 56 | 5.6 | 99.9 |
| Refused | 1 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q22. When health insurance copayments are high, people tend to spend less on healthcare. Do you think that this reduced spending typically has a negative impact on their health?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Yes | 823 | 82.3 | 82.3 |
| No | 151 | 15.1 | 97.3 |
| Unsure | 27 | 2.7 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q23. In 2010, Congress passed and President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare.” This law uses price controls to save money in the Medicare program. Do you think these price controls will worsen Medicare patients’ access to care?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|---------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Yes | 472 | 47.2 | 47.2 |
| No | 452 | 45.2 | 92.4 |
| Unsure | 73 | 7.3 | 99.7 |
| Refused | 3 | .3 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q24. What portion of adult females living in the U.S. say that they have been the victim of an act that fits the legal definition of rape?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Less than 1% | 118 | 11.8 | 11.8 |
| 1% to 5% | 266 | 26.6 | 38.3 |
| More than 5% | 555 | 55.5 | 93.8 |
| Unsure | 52 | 5.2 | 99.1 |
| Refused | 9 | .9 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q25. If a federal election for Congress were held today, do you think you would be more likely to vote for Democrats, Republicans, or third-party candidates?

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-----------------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Democrat | 408 | 40.8 | 40.8 |
| Republican | 427 | 42.6 | 83.4 |
| Third-party candidate | 86 | 8.6 | 92.0 |
| Unsure | 68 | 6.8 | 98.8 |
| Refused | 12 | 1.2 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Q26. Is your age

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| 18-34 | 86 | 8.6 | 8.6 |
| 35-64 | 548 | 54.8 | 63.4 |
| 65 or older | 362 | 36.2 | 99.6 |
| Refused | 4 | .4 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Gender (by observation)

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|--------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Male | 547 | 54.7 | 54.7 |
| Female | 453 | 45.3 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

Region

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------------------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| Eastern timezone | 507 | 50.7 | 50.7 |
| Central timezone | 258 | 25.8 | 76.5 |
| Mountain timezone | 46 | 4.6 | 81.1 |
| Pacific timezone | 181 | 18.1 | 99.2 |
| Alaska | 7 | .7 | 99.9 |
| Hawaii | 1 | .1 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |

State

| | Count | Percent | Cumulative Percent |
|-------|-------|---------|--------------------|
| AK | 7 | .7 | .7 |
| AL | 16 | 1.6 | 2.4 |
| AR | 9 | .9 | 3.3 |
| AZ | 11 | 1.1 | 4.4 |
| CA | 102 | 10.2 | 14.6 |
| CO | 10 | 1.0 | 15.6 |
| CT | 11 | 1.1 | 16.6 |
| DC | 3 | .3 | 16.9 |
| DE | 5 | .5 | 17.4 |
| FL | 63 | 6.3 | 23.8 |
| GA | 34 | 3.4 | 27.1 |
| HI | 1 | .1 | 27.2 |
| IA | 16 | 1.6 | 28.8 |
| ID | 6 | .6 | 29.3 |
| IL | 37 | 3.7 | 33.1 |
| IN | 25 | 2.5 | 35.6 |
| KS | 13 | 1.3 | 36.9 |
| KY | 11 | 1.1 | 38.0 |
| LA | 21 | 2.1 | 40.1 |
| MA | 18 | 1.8 | 42.0 |
| MD | 15 | 1.5 | 43.5 |
| ME | 6 | .6 | 44.1 |
| MI | 27 | 2.7 | 46.8 |
| MN | 15 | 1.5 | 48.4 |
| MO | 25 | 2.5 | 50.8 |
| MS | 7 | .7 | 51.5 |
| MT | 8 | .8 | 52.3 |
| NC | 37 | 3.7 | 56.0 |
| ND | 1 | .1 | 56.1 |
| NE | 5 | .5 | 56.6 |
| NH | 3 | .3 | 56.9 |
| NJ | 25 | 2.5 | 59.4 |
| NM | 3 | .3 | 59.7 |
| NV | 14 | 1.4 | 61.1 |
| NY | 51 | 5.1 | 66.3 |
| OH | 45 | 4.5 | 70.7 |
| OK | 19 | 1.9 | 72.6 |
| OR | 24 | 2.4 | 75.0 |
| PA | 44 | 4.4 | 79.4 |
| RI | 6 | .6 | 80.1 |
| SC | 15 | 1.5 | 81.6 |
| SD | 5 | .5 | 82.1 |
| TN | 21 | 2.1 | 84.3 |
| TX | 53 | 5.3 | 89.6 |
| UT | 5 | .5 | 90.1 |
| VA | 23 | 2.3 | 92.4 |
| VT | 2 | .2 | 92.6 |
| WA | 38 | 3.8 | 96.5 |
| WI | 24 | 2.4 | 98.9 |
| WV | 7 | .7 | 99.6 |
| WY | 4 | .4 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1000 | 100.0 | |